

Parent Pride

Fall 2011

A Magazine for Parents and Families
of Towson University Students

SGA Executive Board Members



**Family Weekend 2011
details inside!**


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Thinking Outside

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Greetings Parents, Families, Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome both our newcomers and those returning to Towson for another fun and exciting year. I am honored and elated that I will serve one more year as the president of the Parents Association.

It seems like only yesterday that my husband and I were among the new parents in the Towson community. University life offered change, challenge and stability as our son, beginning as an inexperienced freshman, adapted into an independent, well-rounded and wise upperclassman.

Whether your student is a freshman or senior, living on campus, nearby or at home, rest assured that they will in fact show up for classes, manage to eat (although I cannot vouch for what) and find their way around campus. They will immerse themselves in the opportunities to live with someone outside their family, join clubs, learn about new and exciting things, play sports, and make friends.

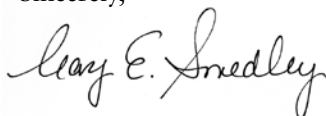
Parents, give yourselves a big pat on the back! Your student will be successful because of you. Your continued support has helped prepare them for the fantastic world of university life and, in about four years, they will voyage successfully into the work force.

Until then, the Parents Association can provide you with support that complements the vibrant academic, social and athletic environment found at Towson. The Parents Association is also proud and delighted to offer grants and scholarships, and serve as a liaison for parents who want to be involved in the Towson community.

Whether you are new to the Towson family or a veteran member, I encourage you to take full advantage of the benefits of becoming involved with other Towson parents. The Parents Association has two membership options: a \$50 annual membership which is renewable in the summer of each year and a \$125 four-year membership, both of which are tax-deductible. Members are invited to special events, are eligible for discounts, and have the opportunity to get involved with other TU parents throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing many of you this semester, and wish you and your student a happy and healthy year.

Sincerely,



Cary E. Smedley

President, Parents Association



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Towson University Student Government Association Executive Board members (left to right) Brandy Hall, pre-Mass Communications major and Creative Writing minor and SGA attorney general; Nick Hoagland, Communication Studies major and SGA vice president; Matt Sikorski, Psychology major and Business Administration minor and SGA president; Lisé Sanchez, Political Science major and SGA chief of staff; and Neal Rivera, Accounting and Economics major and SGA treasurer.

Sikorski says the SGA at TU offers its members professional experience in developing budgets and planning retreats, but also allows students to "create their own experience and be as successful as they want to be."

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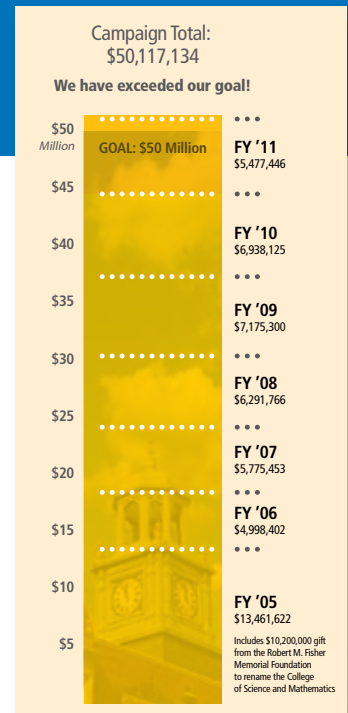
Towson University's capital campaign, "Growing a University," has exceeded its goal and concluded a seven-year effort to raise \$50 million for student scholarships, academic programs and community outreach.

"Achieving this important goal not only creates opportunities at Towson University," says Interim President Marcia Welsh "It also signifies the university's entrance into its next phase of development and climb to academic excellence."

In addition to providing enrichment for student scholars and university faculty, the funds raised by "Growing a University" have expanded the Towson University Foundation, which grew from \$13 million to \$41.6 million during the course of the campaign.

"Building endowment for a university helps to provide a solid foundation for the future of our students, academic initiatives and community partnerships," says Gary Rubin, vice president for University Advancement.

"With the tremendous support of alumni, faculty, staff, community supporters, foundations and corporations, we have had unprecedented fundraising success during a time that has been economically challenging."



TU named a top 100 "Best Buy College" by Forbes

For the second consecutive year, Towson University is one of 100 "Best Buy Colleges" in America, according to a website feature released by *Forbes*, publisher of a national bi-weekly magazine and other business media.

Forbes also features Towson among the 650 institutions on its 2011 list of "America's Top Colleges."

"Through the continued dedication and hard work of our faculty and staff, Towson University has again been recognized by *Forbes* for both its educational quality and great value even in these tough economic times," says Interim President Marcia Welsh. "Let me add my congratulations to the entire university community on these well-deserved rankings."

To create the list, the staff of *Forbes*' Center for College Affordability and Productivity divided each school's overall quality score—used to derive the 2011 "America's Top Colleges" ranking—by its published in-state tuition and fees. Four-year schools with a graduation rate of less than 20 percent were excluded from the list.

Says *Forbes* in the feature: "When you are making a major purchase, shopping for bargains can pay tremendous dividends. It's true when you are buying a house or a car—and it's especially true when you're considering a college education, which can cost more than a quarter of a million dollars and profoundly affect the rest of your life."

Towson breaks ground on Tiger Arena

Towson University has begun construction of a new 90,000-square-foot Tiger Arena. The venue will feature 5,200 seats, state-of-the-art video screens, entertainment suites/boxes and expanded lobbies. The interior will be column free, providing unobstructed views from every seat.

"This new arena will be a premiere facility in our athletic conference," says Interim President Marcia Welsh. "It is long overdue."

Tiger Arena is scheduled for completion by the 2013 season, and will provide a venue for Tiger basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. Construction progress will be chronicled at www.tigerarena.com.



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With every gift you make to Towson, you provide the funds needed to support scholarships, academic programs and student development. Every year, every gift makes an impact on every student.

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2011 TOWSON FOOTBALL

Tailgating begins 3 hours prior to kickoff

Individual Ticket Pricing:

\$15 - Adult

\$10 - Youth (ages 2-12)

\$8 - Senior (ages 65+)

Check out the Tiger Tent Village in Lot 21

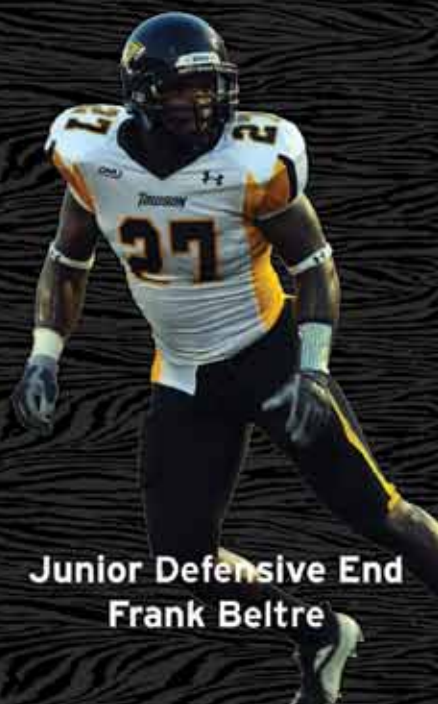
Giveaways include schedule magnets, sunglasses, rally towels, t-shirts, knit caps and Jermon Bushrod cards!

2011 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	MORGAN STATE	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	VILLANOVA *	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	COLGATE (Homecoming)	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Maryland	TBA
Oct. 8	RICHMOND *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Old Dominion	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	at William & Mary *	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	DELAWARE *	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Maine *	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	NEW HAMPSHIRE *	TBA
Nov. 19	at Rhode Island	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	NCAA FCS Playoffs - First Round	TBA
Dec. 3	NCAA FCS Playoffs - Second Round	TBA
Dec. 9/10	NCAA FCS Playoffs - Quarterfinals	TBA
Dec. 16/17	NCAA FCS Playoffs - Semifinals	TBA
Jan. 6	NCAA FCS Championship Game	TBA

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FAMILY WEEKEND

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FAMILY WEEKEND INFO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Family Weekend Information Table

1–10 p.m., University Union second floor lobby

14th Annual Hillel Shabbat Dinner

7 p.m., Patuxent Room, University Union, first floor

Hillel invites all families to join us in the Union for a "home style" Shabbat dinner. Optional Conservative and Reform services are at 6 p.m. Festive Shabbat dinner will be at 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 an adult; students and children under the age of 10 are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.towson.edu/familyweekend.



Autumn Sky Planetarium Show

8 p.m., Smith Hall 521

Do not be left in the dark! One of Towson's hidden gems is our planetarium. We invite you to kick off your Family Weekend with a free night under the stars. A telescope viewing will follow the show (weather permitting). Sponsored by the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Family Weekend Information Table

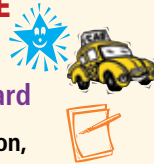
8 a.m.–10 p.m., University Union, second floor lobby

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Family Fun with the Campus Activities Board

8–10 p.m., University Union, first floor, Paws

Sit back and enjoy an all-ages performance by the Solo Circus, a fast-paced, audience-interactive, variety show! Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.



TigerSpin Group Exercise Class

8:30–9:30 a.m., West Village Commons Group Exercise Studio (Room 308)

TigerSpin is an indoor cycling class that provides an excellent cardiovascular, lower body strength/endurance, non-weight bearing workout. This class is designed for beginner to intermediate levels. This class is limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Sponsored by Campus Recreation Services.

William Shakespeare's Macbeth

Directed by Steven J. Satta
8 p.m., Center for the Arts

Go to <http://marylandartsfestival.stores.yahoo.net> to purchase tickets. General admission is \$20 and students are \$10. Sponsored by the Department of Theatre Arts.

Restore the Roar with the TU Basketball Teams

8–9:30 p.m., Towson Center

Join Towson University's basketball teams on their first night of practice. Watch our non-varsity athletes and fraternity and sorority athletes compete with our varsity basketball players in three-point, foul shots, and other competitive games. Sponsored by the departments of Athletics and Fraternity and Sorority Life.



Peregrine's Nest Open Climb Session

9 a.m.–1 p.m., Burdick Hall Fitness Center

Did you enjoy climbing trees when you were young? Come relive your childhood memories at the Peregrine's Nest, TU's state-of-the-art climbing wall. This is a great activity for the whole family. All equipment is provided along with highly trained staff ready to guide you. No experience necessary. Limited spaces for children with waist sizes less than 16 inches. Contact CRS at peregrinesnst@towson.edu to make a reservation by 5 p.m. on October 13. Sessions will occur on the hour. Sponsored by Campus Recreation Services.



= Kid-friendly events



= Use Family Weekend registration form for this event



= CAB-sponsored event



= Athletic events



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Honors College Family Breakfast



9:30–10:30 a.m., Honors College Office Suite (Stephens Hall 300–308)

The breakfast is an opportunity for parents and students to meet and greet other students and parents, and tour the Honors College. A continental breakfast will be provided. Indicate your intention to attend when you register online. (This event is available only to current Honors College students and their families.) Sponsored by the Honors College.

Bagel Brunch



10:30 a.m., Jewish Activities Center, Newell Hall

Join us for an egalitarian service at 10:30. At noon, we will have a bagel lunch. Cost is \$2 for adults for lunch. Students and children under the age of 10 are free. Sponsored by Hillel.

Leaders in Residence Life Brunch



11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Potomac Lounge, University Union, second floor

The Department of Housing and Residence Life takes this opportunity to recognize the on-campus leaders serving resident students. Resident Assistants, Community Center staff, and the student leaders of University Residence Government and Building Council will be honored. Sponsored by Housing and Residence Life.

Study Abroad 101



11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m., University Union 308

Discover the basics of study abroad. Find out how students can earn academic credit toward their TU degree and learn about scholarship and financial aid options. Meet the TU Study Abroad Office staff and hear first-hand from study abroad alumni.

Money Attitude: Personal Finance Services at TU



11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m., University Union 309

This session introduces students and parents to TU's Money Attitude peer mentoring program. It emphasizes how important financial matters can impact students, such as how a person's credit score affects his/her ability to get a job after college. It describes how student mentors majoring in financial counseling are available to assist students with understanding financial aid and loans, the difference between credit and debt, setting financial goals, budgeting and tracking expenses, and learning how to save while in school.

Men's Varsity vs. Old Dominion University



1 p.m., Towson Center Soccer Complex

TU's Amazing Race

1–3 p.m., Race starts on the Paws Patio, University Union, first floor

Team up with your student and take on other teams in a family-friendly competition across Towson's campus. Test your student's problem-solving skills and work together as a family to solve the different challenges. At the end, be prepared to conquer our final challenge located in Burdick Hall. Be the first team to complete TU's Amazing Race! Sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs.

Parents Association Annual Meeting

2–3 p.m., Loch Raven Room, University Union, second floor



Join us for an interest meeting to see how the Parents Association is a viable organization for our parents and students at Towson University. Learn how to become an advocate for your student even while living hours away.



Towson University's Minute to Win It



2–4 p.m., Susquehanna Terrace, University Union, second floor

Sixty seconds, one challenge—do you think you can handle it? Work as a team with your family or friends to play Towson's version of the popular NBC game show "Minute to Win It." Test yourself, win prizes, and become a local TU legend! Sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs.

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ThinkFast Family Feud



3–4 p.m., Paws, University Union, first floor

ThinkFast Family Feud incorporates trivia about such topics as music, TV, movies, entertainment, art, literature, science, math, geography, history and pop icons. The show will incorporate a minimum of six Top 40, urban, rock or mainstream radio music videos that challenge participants with related questions. ThinkFast is a highly interactive and visually stimulating event that will capture the attention of everyone in attendance. Families will compete against each other for a \$200 prize. Sponsored by Campus Life.

Tiger Den



Dinner Theater

5–9 p.m., West Village Ballroom

Join the fun at an all-you-can-eat extravaganza offering chef-carved steamship round of beef, roasted turkey breast, baked salmon, and Thai lemon chicken. The menu includes other delicious favorites such as roasted potatoes, penne pasta with rosa sauce, ratatouille, mixed vegetables, garden and Caesar salads, and an excellent dessert selection. Coffee, tea, iced tea, and cash bar available for those of legal age. After dinner Joshua Seth, the “Rockstar of Comedy Hypnosis and Master Mentalist,” will perform for your viewing pleasure. Adults \$40; Parents Association members \$35; TU students \$30; kids 12 and under \$20. Tickets can be purchased through your online Family Weekend registration or by completing the form on page 7. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

Yell Like Hell

7 p.m., Towson Center

Yell Like Hell is a competitive group performance in which student organizations present a short routine that compliments their Homecoming Theme, The Eye of the Tiger, as well as their movie theme for the week. This traditional event is where our local fraternity and sorority chapters are encouraged to incorporate creative songs and dances that match the theme and show their school spirit. Each performance is scored by a panel of judges considering originality, synchronization and most importantly, TU Spirit! Come support your student for a fun night of laughs and entertainment. Sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life.

William Shakespeare’s Macbeth

Directed by Steven J. Satta

8 p.m., Center for the Arts

Go to <http://marylandartsfestival.stores.yahoo.net> to purchase tickets. General admission is \$20 and students are \$10, Sponsored by the Department of Theatre Arts.

Center for Student Diversity’s Flava Fair



9 p.m.–1 a.m., University Union, second floor, Potomac Lounge, Potomac Patio and PAWS Lawn

Party the night away with the Center for Student Diversity! Join us for a night of flavorful food, fun and festivities from a variety of cultures and communities.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Four-Mile Walk

Registration begins at 8 a.m.; walk begins at 9 a.m.

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg YMCA at Stadium Place, 900 East 33rd Street, Baltimore.

William Shakespeare’s Macbeth

Directed by Steven J. Satta

3 p.m., Center for the Arts

Go to <http://marylandartsfestival.stores.yahoo.net> to purchase tickets. General admission is \$20 and students are \$10. Sponsored by the Department of Theatre Arts.



FAMILY WEEKEND 2011 REGISTRATION



Please register online at www.towson.edu/familyweekend or return this form postmarked no later than October 1, 2011.

Student's Name _____ Class Year _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Additional family members attending (Please list all who are attending; attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

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We strongly suggest that you register early for ticketed events as they may sell out. No tickets will be distributed for pre-paid events. Your name will appear on a registration list at each event for which you are registered.

TIGER DEN DINNER THEATRE—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5–9 P.M.

Adults @ \$40	# attending	_____	=	\$ _____
Parents Association members @ \$35	# attending	_____	=	\$ _____
Towson students @ \$30	# attending	_____	=	\$ _____
Children (12 and under) @ \$20	# attending	_____	=	\$ _____

Not a member of the Parents Association yet? Join now and take advantage of discounts on Family Weekend events. Just fill out the Parents Association registration on the reverse side of this form.

14TH ANNUAL HILLEL SHABBAT DINNER—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7 P.M.

Adults @ \$18	# attending	_____	=	\$ _____
Children (age 10 and under)	# attending	_____	=	\$ FREE
TU students	# attending	_____	=	\$ FREE

Total

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HILLEL BAGEL BRUNCH—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 10:30 A.M.

Adults @ \$2 # attending _____ = \$ _____
Towson students # attending _____ = \$ FREE
Children (10 and under) # attending _____ = \$ FREE

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ADDITIONAL COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS

Although the following activities are complimentary for all Family Weekend guests, we kindly ask that you indicate which events you are interested in attending so we may prepare for the correct number of guests.

Autumn Sky Planetarium Show	# attending	_____	Study Abroad 101	# attending	_____
Family Fun CAB Event	# attending	_____	Money Attitude: Personal Finance		
Peregrine’s Nest Open Climb Session	# attending	_____	Services at TU	# attending	_____
Honors College Family Breakfast	# attending	_____	Parents Association Meeting	# attending	_____
Leaders in Residence Life Brunch	# attending	_____	Student Diversity’s Flava Fair	# attending	_____

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Additional Parent Campaign Gift \$ _____, designation _____

You may designate your gift to a specific area or program. For a complete list, visit www.towson.edu/supportTU.

Parents Association Membership: \$50 per family (one-year membership) \$125 per family (four-year membership)

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PAYMENT

Please make checks payable to: Towson University Foundation, Inc. (Parents Association), or complete the credit card information below to charge the total cost.

Check One: VISA MasterCard Discover AMEX

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Card Security Code _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Please mail your completed registration in the enclosed envelope or mail to:

**Towson University Foundation, Inc.
Parents Association
PO Box 17165
Baltimore, MD 21297-0219**

TU PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Not attending Family Weekend, but want to join the Parents Association? Complete the form below.

The Towson University Parents Association has many opportunities for parents of current students to get involved!

The Parents Association now has two membership options: a \$50 annual membership which is renewable in the summer of each year and a \$125 four-year membership (a savings of \$75). To become a member, simply complete the following information and mail with a payment made payable to the Towson University Foundation, Inc. (Parents Association) or go online to www.tutigertracks.com/parentsassociation.

For questions or further information, contact Dr. Teresa Hall, associate vice president for campus life, at 410-704-2332 or via email at thall@towson.edu.

Parent Name(s): _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

TU Alum(s): Yes No Year(s) of Graduation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City / State / ZIP: _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Expected Year of Graduation: _____

Check one: Check Cash VISA MasterCard AMEX Discover Amount: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Card Security Code: _____

Your contribution will benefit Towson University and will be administered by the Towson University Foundation, Inc. Gifts to the Foundation qualify as charitable contributions to an IRC Section 501(c)(3) public charity for federal income, estate and gift tax. purposes.

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The Division of Student Affairs also has an e-mail account where any question relating to departments within Student Affairs can be directed. The e-mail address is: studentaffairs@towson.edu. We will respond to all inquiries promptly.



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